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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA PARA: SECTION II

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION HERE, DEPARTMENT HAS
DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE FORMAL INTERAGENCY APPROVAL OF A NEW
PARA FOR AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME. APPROVED FY 1974 PARA AND
OTHER RECENT POLICY DOCUMENTS PROVIDE US WITH A FIRM ENOUGH
POLICY BASIS THAT A NEW INTERAGENCY DOCUMENT DOES NOT SEEM
REQUIRED. A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT
EVENT IN AUSTRALIA WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE US TO TAKE
ANOTHER LOOK AT THE DESIRABILITY OF A NEW PARA FOR INTER-
AGENCY CONSIDERATION.

2. ANP HAS AIR POUCED TO CHARGE OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR
SECTION II, WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR GREEN.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY HAS BEGUN DRAFTING REMAINDER OF
PARA, AND WE WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING EMBASSY SUBMISSION.
WE ENVISAGE A DIALOGUE BASED ON THESE TWO DOCUMENTS SO THAT
DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY CAN VERIFY THAT THEY CONTINUE TO SEE
DEVELOPING U.S. POLICIES TOWARD AUSTRALIA IN SAME WAY.

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3. FYI: WE INTEND TO PURSUE APPROVAL OF THE PAPUA NEW
GUINEA PARA THROUGH REGULAR INTERAGENCY CHANNELS. KISSINGER

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